

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

TESLA MOTORS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

RUTH JOHNSON, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:16-cv-1158

HON. JANET T. NEFF

**FOURTH AMENDED CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

Trial Date and Time		FEBRUARY 4, 2020 9:00 a.m.	
Place:	401 Ford Federal Building, 110 Michigan, NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503		
Before:	Judge Janet T. Neff		
<b>Counsel shall be present for an in-chambers conference one-half hour prior to the start of trial.</b>			
Jury or Non Jury		Non-Jury	
Estimated Length of Trial		4 Days	
Motions in Limine		Deadline Expired	
Final Pretrial Conference Before Judge Janet T. Neff	Date: Time:	JANUARY 13, 2020 11:00 a.m.	

1. **TRIAL DATE AND SETTING:** This case is scheduled for trial before the Honorable Janet T. Neff, 401 Ford Federal Building, 110 Michigan, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, as set forth above.<sup>1</sup> Counsel shall be present for an in-chambers conference one-half hour prior to the start of trial.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of Judge Neff's Information and Guidelines is available on the Court's website ([www.miwd.uscourts.gov](http://www.miwd.uscourts.gov)). Attorneys must comply with the *current* version of the Guidelines.

2. MOTIONS:

a. Non-dispositive

Non-dispositive motions shall be filed in accordance with W.D. Mich. LcivR. 7.3. They will be referred to a magistrate judge in Grand Rapids, Michigan, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 471 *et seq.*, it is the policy of this Court to prohibit the consideration of discovery motions unless accompanied by a certification that the moving party has made a reasonable and good faith effort to reach agreement with opposing counsel on the matters set forth in the motion. *See* W.D. Mich. LcivR 7.1(d).

b. Motions in limine must be filed by the date set forth in the table above.

- i. In cases where oral argument is heard and counsel wishes to project evidence on the monitors in the courtroom, projection of exhibits is accomplished by using the electronic evidence presentation equipment in the courtroom. The evidence presentation allows for the projection of evidence on various monitors located at the bench, the witness stand, the lectern, the jury box, and the counsel tables. This technology eliminates the cumbersome process of handling paper evidence. Counsel planning to use the equipment are encouraged to contact the Court's IT department well in advance of their court proceeding to inquire about training and practice sessions. Practice sessions and testing of the equipment must occur prior to the day of a scheduled court appearance. You may contact the Court's IT department by sending an e-mail to [courttech@miwd.uscourts.gov](mailto:courttech@miwd.uscourts.gov) or by calling (616) 456-2523. Information concerning the features of the system are available at the court's website: [www.miwd.uscourts.gov](http://www.miwd.uscourts.gov) (Click on *Courtroom Technology* link). *Counsel is also advised to notify chambers - in advance of the hearing - of its intentions to use technology resources in the courtroom.*

3. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE: The parties are under an ongoing obligation to engage in good faith settlement negotiations. No settlement conference has been scheduled at this time.
4. FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE: A final pretrial conference is scheduled at the date and time set forth above.
5. PREPARATION OF PROPOSED FINAL PRETRIAL ORDER: Unless directed otherwise by this Court, a proposed pretrial order, entitled "Final Pretrial Order" shall be prepared jointly by counsel and filed **fourteen (14) days** prior to the final pretrial conference in the following form:

A final pretrial conference was held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_. Appearing for the parties as counsel were:

(List the counsel who will attend the pretrial conference.)

1. Exhibits: The following exhibits will be offered by the plaintiff and the defendants:

(List jointly [JT EX \_\_\_\_] all exhibits, including demonstrative evidence and summaries of other evidence. Exhibits expected to be used solely for impeachment purposes need not be identified until trial. The exhibits shall be identified on a form similar to Exhibit 1, attached to Judge Neff's Information and Guidelines. The complete list of exhibits on a form similar to Exhibit 1 must be produced at the final pretrial conference. Failure to list an exhibit required to be listed by this order will result, except upon a showing of good cause, in a determination of non-admissibility at trial. Where the parties are unable to agree on the inclusion of an exhibit, plaintiff shall use numbers [1-99]; defendants shall use letters [A-Z]. Indicate with respect to each exhibit whether and for what reason its admissibility is objected to. Objections not contained in the Pretrial Order, other than objections under Evidence Rule 402 or 403, shall be deemed waived except for good cause shown. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3).)

2. Uncontroverted Facts: The parties have agreed that the following may be accepted as established facts:

(State in detail all uncontroverted facts.)

3. Controverted Facts and Unresolved Issues: The factual issues remaining to be determined and issues of law for the Court's determination are:

(Set out each issue which is genuinely controverted, including issues on the merits and other matters which should be drawn to the Court's attention.)

4. Witnesses:

- A. Non-expert witnesses to be called by the plaintiff and defendants, except those who may be called for impeachment purposes only, are:

(List names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all non-experts who will testify. Indicate whether they are expected to testify in person, by deposition videotape, or by reading of their deposition transcript. Indicate all objections to the anticipated testimony of each non-expert witness. For each witness listed, indicate whether the witness **will be** called or merely **may be** called to testify.)

- B. Expert witnesses to be called by the plaintiff and defendants, except those who may be called for impeachment purposes only, are:

(List names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all experts who will testify, providing a brief summary of their qualifications and a statement of the scientific or medical field(s) in which they are offered as experts. Indicate whether they will testify in person, by deposition videotape, or by reading of their deposition transcript. Indicate all objections to the qualifications or anticipated testimony of each expert witness.)

- C. It is understood that, except upon a showing of good cause, no witness whose name and address does not appear in the lists required by subsections (a) and (b) will be permitted to testify for any purpose, except impeachment, if the opposing party objects. Any objection to the use of a deposition under Fed. R. Civ. P. 32(a) not reflected in the Pretrial Order shall be deemed waived, except for good cause shown.

5. Depositions and Other Discovery Documents:

All depositions, answers to written interrogatories, and requests for admissions, or portions thereof, that are expected to be offered in evidence by the plaintiff and the defendants are:

(Designate portions of depositions by page and line number. Designate answers to interrogatories and requests for admissions by answer or request number. Designation need not be made of portions that may be used, if at all, as impeachment of an adverse party. Indicate any objections to proposed deposition testimony, answers to interrogatories, and admissions.)

6. Length of Trial: Counsel estimate the trial will last approximately \_\_\_\_ full days, allocated as follows: \_\_\_\_ days for plaintiff's case; \_\_\_\_ days for defendants' case; \_\_\_\_ days for other parties.
7. Form of Alternative Dispute Resolution: The form of Alternative Dispute Resolution selected was \_\_\_\_\_. The outcome was unsuccessful for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Prospects of Settlement: The current status of settlement negotiations is:

(Indicate persons present during negotiations, progress toward settlement and issues that are obstacles to settlement.)

The proposed Final Pretrial Order will be signed by all counsel, signifying acceptance. Upon approval by the Court, with such additions, deletions, or modifications as are necessary, the Final Pretrial Order will be entered.

6. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE:

- a. At the final pretrial conference, the parties and the Court will formulate a plan for trial, including facilitating the admission of evidence; consider the prospects of settlement; and consider such other matters as may aid in the trial or other disposition of the action.
- b. Unless excused upon a showing of good cause, the attorney who is to conduct the trial shall attend the pretrial conference and shall come with full authority to act in all respects, or shall be accompanied by a representative of the party with such authority.
- c. At least **seven (7) days** prior to the final pretrial conference, counsel shall file:
  - i. Trial briefs.
  - ii. A joint statement of the case and statement of the elements of the claims. Unless the case is very complex, the joint statement of the case should not exceed one paragraph. If the parties are unable to agree on the language of a joint statement of the case, then separate, concise, non-argumentative statements shall be filed. The purpose of the joint statement of the case is to summarize the nature of the case.
  - iii. A copy of the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. The above documents must be compatible with WordPerfect and sent by e-mail to Judge Neff's Judicial Assistant, Chris Bockheim at [chris\\_bockheim@miwd.uscourts.gov](mailto:chris_bockheim@miwd.uscourts.gov) and Judge Neff's law clerk to whom the case is assigned, [kathleen\\_geiger@miwd.uscourts.gov](mailto:kathleen_geiger@miwd.uscourts.gov).

Dated: May 17, 2019

/s/ Janet T. Neff  
JANET T. NEFF  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE